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SUBJECT: INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN
MIGRATION (ICEM)

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH CHIEF (MALLOY), REFUGEE POLICY DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION (MANDI), EMBOFF RAISED QUESTION OF CANADIAN MEMBERSHIP IN ICEM PER PARA 3 REFTEL.
2. MALLOY SAID CANADA CLEARLY IS MOVING TOWARD RESUMPTION OF FULL ICEM MEMBERSHIP. LEBANESE CRISIS DEMONSTRATED SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS TO BE GAINED FROM MEMBERSHIP. MANDI ALREADY CONVINCED MEMBERSHIP IS DESIRABLE, BUT IT WILL TAKE A YEAR OR EVEN TWO TO CONVINCE ALL INVOLVED GOC AGENCIES. MALLOY STRESSED THIS IS NOT AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF INTENTION TO REJOIN, BUT A SOUND PREDICTION BASED UPON STRONG TREND IN GOC ATTITUDES. AS EXAMPLE OF INTEREST, IN DECEMBER 1976, INSTRUCTION WAS SENT TO ALL MANDI OFFICERS ABROAD TO INCLUDE ICEM REPS IN ALL APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL AND REPRESENTATIONAL FUNCTIONS.

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3. DESPITE RECENT PUBLIC OPINION POLL WHICH SHOWED 68 OF CANADIANS OPPOSED TO CONTINUED LARGE-SCALE INFLUX OF REFUGEES, MALLOY SAID PRESSURE IN PARLIAMENT, MAINTAINED PRIMARILY BY ETHNIC INTEREST GROUPS AND HUMANITARIAN LEGISLATORS, PROBABLY WILL RESULT IN REFUGEES BEING DESIGNATED AS SPECIAL PREFERRED CATEGORY UNDER NEW IMMIGRATION LAW NOW BEING CONSIDERED. UNDER PRESENT LAW,

AND IN DRAFT NEW LAW, REFUGEES ARE SUBJECT TO SAME POINT SYSTEM AS REGULAR IMMIGRANTS IN DECIDING ELIGIBILITY. IN FACT, ABOUT 75 OF REFUGEES ADMITTED HAVE RECEIVED VISAS UNDER DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY OUTSIDE POINT SYSTEM. PARLIAMENTARY MOOD IS NOW TO EXEMPT REFUGEES SPECIFICALLY FROM SYSTEM, IN ORDER TO EMPHASIZE THEIR PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE.

4. MALLOY SAID PRESENT MANDI MINISTER CULLEN IS PERSONALLY FIRMLY COMMITTED TO REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT IN CANADA, AND IS ACTIVE ADVOCATE OF REFUGEE PROGRAMS WITHIN EXECUTIVE BRANCH.
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